

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2022 - 6:30PM**

INVOCATION: Kendall Stucki

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Chris Moore

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Lowell City Council was called to order at 6:35pm by **Mayor Chris Moore** at the Lowell Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Chris Moore asked the City Clerk for a verbal roll call. Council Members present were **Steve Whitehead, Eric Schein, Lisa DeGifford, Chasity Taylor. Bill Adams, Kendell Stucki, Bethany Rosenbaum. David Adams was absent. Deputy Attorney Kieklak was present.** A roster of all others in attendance is on file with these minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Lowell City Council Minutes Regular Meeting -- December 21, 2021
Financial Statement -- December 2021

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Kendall Stucki

Second: Christy Taylor

Vote Aye: Taylor, DeGifford, Schein, Whitehead, B. Adams, Rosenbaum, Stucki

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Consent Agenda approved.

PUBLIC FORUM: Open: 6:36PM Close: 6:39PM

Casey Kuth, 603 Concord, advocated for support for the Police Department. The police were the most trained, courageous officers to work for the citizens during the pandemic. Police are appreciated and the council should show support of them. We wouldn't be here if it wasn't for them. Show support for them by adding back into the agenda the resolution to create a premium pay program for employees who worked in the pandemic. The Federal Government has sent funds to Fire Department and you need to find funds to give to Police Department. Put it back on the agenda and show your support.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **TABLED RESOLUTION: RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET RESERVES TO THE RISK REDUCTION DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE CURRENT COMPENSATION AND STARTING WAGE FOR THE POSITION OF BUILDING INSPECTOR IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.**

Motion to table the Resolution as presented.

Motion: Lisa DeGifford

Second: Kendall Stucki

Vote Aye: DeGifford, Taylor, Whitehead, Schein, Stucki, Rosenbaum

Abstain: B. Adams

Vote Nay: None

Motion to table the Resolution passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE SEWER FUND RESERVES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACTING THE SERVICE OF ACQUIRING EASEMENTS FOR THE WESTERN LOWELL SEWER PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.**

Transfer of funds out of the Sewer Fund Reserves in the amount of \$85,450.00 is needed for the purpose of contacting the service of acquiring easements necessary for the Western Lowell sewer project.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Chasity Taylor

Second: Eric Schein

Vote Aye: Schein, DeGifford, Taylor, Whitehead, Stucki, B. Adams, Rosenbaum

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution passed.

Resolution assigned No. 22-01

2. RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS FUNDING FOR CONTINUING PROJECTS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2022.

There are several ongoing projects in the City of Lowell that will continue from 2021 and continuing funding for those projects which are addressed in the 2022 budget should be noted and transferred into the 2022 fiscal year.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Lisa DeGifford

Second: Eric Schein

Vote Aye: DeGifford, Taylor, Schein, Whitehead, Stucki, B. Adams, Rosenbaum

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution approved.

Resolution assigned No. 22-02.

3. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BENTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Council adopted the finalized Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Participating jurisdictions of Benton County have worked together to develop a strategy known as the Benton County HMP to improve disaster resistance in the planning area and for other purposes.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: B. Adams

Second: Bethany Rosenbaum

Vote Aye: Schein, Taylor, DeGifford, Whitehead, Rosenbaum, B. Adams, Stucki

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution as presented approved.

Resolution assigned No. 22-03.

4. RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE MEETING RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

The City Council reviews and adopts the rules for its meetings.

Motion to approve the Resolution as presented.

Motion: Bethany Rosenbaum

Second: B. Adams

Vote Aye: Whitehead, Schein, DeGifford, Taylor, Stucki, B. Adams, Rosenbaum

Vote Nay: None

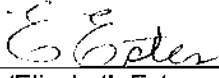
Motion to approve Resolution passed.

Resolution assigned No. 22-04.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pray for Covid patients Eldon Long and David Adams.


ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Bill Adams and second by Kendall Stucki. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

ATTEST:


City Clerk/Elizabeth Estes



APPROVED:


Mayor/Chris Moore

City of Lowell

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

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